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SUBJ: NUCLEAR FUEL FOR HONG KONG, AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION

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1. HUGH EVANS, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES OF HK COLONIAL SECRETARIAT WHO HAS BEEN CONSULATE GENERAL'S MAIL CONTACT ON PROPOSED NUCLEAR PLANT FOR HK TOLD A CONSULATE OFFICER ON JUNE 30 THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR HK TO APPROACH LONDON OR U.S. FOR AMENDMENT TO US/UK AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION CONCERNING CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR 3 REASONS:

A. HKG HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT FOR HK SHOULD BE CONTINUED AND PROBABLY WILL NOT MAKE THAT DECISION UNTIL SOMETIME THIS FALL.

B. COMPLETION OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES (IF MADE) AND FINAL DECISION TO GO AHEAD OR NOT MAY BE 1 TO 2 YEARS AWAY AND,

C. HKG HAS INFORMED PRC THAT HK IS CONSIDERING NUCLEAR
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ENERGY PLANT AND WOULD WANT TO GIVE PRC AMPLE TIME TO REACT

TO THIS INFORMATION BEFORE TAKING ANY STEPS WHICH MIGHT SUGGEST
THAT POSITIVE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE. MR . EVANS EXPLAINED
THAT NEITHER HKG NOR PRC WOULD WANT TO DO ANYTHING WHICH
MIGHT CAUSE AN UNNECESSARY CONFRONTATION.

2. MR. EVANS EMPHASIZED THAT NEITHER HKG NOR UK SHOULD ENTER
DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. AT THIS TIME CONCERNING INCLUSION OF HONG
KONG IN AGREEMENT. NEVERTHELESS,HE SAID THAT IF FINAL DECISION
TO GO AHEAD WITH THE NUCLEAR PLANT IS MADE, HK CERTAINLY WILL WANT TO

CLEAR WAY FOR POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN REACTOR AND AMERICAN
FUEL.

3. POST WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY SHOULD ABOVE PICTURE
CHANGE IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER.
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